

WASHINGTON CITY SIDELIGHTS

U. S. Army Has Ten Officers Training in France

WASHINGTON.—The movement of American troops to Mexico brings to notice the fact that ten United States army officers, representing all branches of the service, are on duty in France for instruction in French military training. They are there by permission of the French government, given upon request of the United States, and are welcomed in the friendliest spirit. It appears to be the intention of the war department at Washington to have six officers continuously on service in France, so that French experience and French military science may from year to year be available for the United States army. Occasionally an English officer or officers from the Balkan and other smaller states have had permission to serve with one or another of the French regiments, but it would seem that no foreign army, not even the Russian, has during this generation had such opportunities to know the French military system as the Americans now have.

Capt. W. A. Castle is in an infantry regiment at Orleans; Capt. N. Marguettes and Lieut. A. T. Bishop with other regiments at Chalons, Surgeon T. Marne and T. Martin at the cavalry school at Saumur, Capt. F. H. Pope in the French quartermaster's school and Capt. Frank Parker at the war college. Capt. Morton Henry of the American quartermaster's division and Lieut. E. S. Greble and Honeycutt of the artillery have just arrived to replace three other American officers and three others are expected. The three latter do not get into the French service until October. In the meantime they are required to live in French families and perfect their knowledge of French. Captain Parker, in the war college, the exclusive school of higher strategy, has probably the rarest opportunity and one not shared by any other foreign officer. Eighty French officers are admitted annually out of from 400 to 500 applicants who take the severe competitive examination. Years of study are devoted by the French officer in preparation for this examination, because all selections for the general staff are made from graduates of the war college, and no French officer need expect a high command unless he has gone successfully through this training in the deeper problems of strategy.

An armchair has been placed for Captain Parker apart from the other officers and nearest the lecturer's platform, so that the American guest may have a better chance than any one else to follow the exposition of a subject and take the diagrams. The work in the war college is severe and is from 6 a. m. to 6 p. m. Part of it consists in hard riding over battlefields of France, the lecturer of the day explaining the operations of the troops that took part.

Pigeons at Washington Know the Market Days

IF YOU stand on the steps of the new National museum you will notice many pigeons on a street. The street divides the museum from the market, and on the far side there are rickety wagons, hitched to droopy horses—mostly white—and many chickens in crates. And if you are lucky enough to meet on the steps a little, old man, who looks like a dried apple that had a soul to it, he will tell you something like this:

"Yes'm, those pigeons know market days as well as the hucksters do. They come from all over the city for the bits of grain and green stuff that get spilled or thrown away. And every pigeon strikes it on time, like gulls follow a train at meal times on the Salt Lake desert. How they get from the seashore precisely in time for the cooks to fling garbage from the duffers is something I can't tell you. All I know is they are there. Some folks miscount angels on account of their feather wings, but the way I look at it is that the one who put all that cleverness into bird creatures can be safely relied on to run this world and the next without any advice from me."

"Hear them roosters crowing! It's curious the way a rooster can put his state of mind into a crow. Now you listen to that one. That ain't the cockadoodle of a free rooster on his own walk. He's calling out in the only way God gave him for somebody to come and free him from that wire crate. Maybe he don't know what's going to happen to him between this and somebody's Sunday dinner, but he don't need any telling that he's in trouble. And did you ever figure out about white horses? Now, you take that lot alongside the curb over yonder. The biggest half of those horses are white. That's because white horses don't take with rich people. You scarcely ever see a white team in a fine carriage, but they are always pulling country wagons and dump carts, and I judge they used to be fine war horses, according to what I read in the history books when I was young and in my prime."

"If you notice, a white horse mostly looks as if he was ready to drop. I used to think it was because their owners, having no regard for white horses, worked them to death, but that isn't it. A white horse hangs his head, dejected like, because dark horses look down on him and it hurts his pride. Now, I personally knew a white horse that—"

Uncle Sam Has a Veritable Mountain of Money

FABLE writers have pictured money growing on trees. And the pot of gold at the end of the rainbow has been the traditional will-o'-the-wisp for generations. But never before has there been a veritable mountain of money.

Nature has produced mountains whose buried wealth has enticed them to be called mountains of silver and gold, but it has remained for man to produce a mountain of greenbacks.

Three departments of the United States government have co-operated in this project, which required the united efforts of eleven experts for a period of three months, and, in addition, a cool million of Uncle Sam's mangled greenbacks for its surface.

The interior department, the agriculture and the treasury all joined forces over the arrangements for the million-dollar mountain, which is a model—a carefully made, perfectly detailed and topographically correct working model—of Yosemite park, the government reservation in Mariposa county, California, on the western side of the Sierra Nevada, which is the mecca for all westward-bound tourists who wish to feast their eyes upon its unequalled scenic grandeur.

This is the largest working model of its kind in the United States today, since it is five feet by twelve and weighs 600 pounds. Some of the great difficulties involved in its construction may be appreciated when it is remembered that it is a perfect reproduction in miniature of a tract of meadows, mountains, chasms, lakes, streams, falls, precipices, forests, vast gorges and huge boulders that cover an area of about the proportions of the state of Rhode Island, for the Yosemite park comprises no less than 1,124 square miles.

United States to Take Census of National Bird Life

A CENSUS of all the birds of the United States is to be taken this summer by the federal government. In announcing this fact the other day the department of agriculture, which will supervise the work, urges co-operation of all bird lovers. The primary object of the census is the preservation of this important game.

The count of the bird population is to begin about May 30, and the department hopes to have the final results in hand by June 30. As a beginning 250 correspondents in all parts of the country will assist in taking the census, but voluntary observers are expected to furnish most of the data for this undertaking.

In the enumeration an effort is to be made to determine how many pair of birds of each species breed within definite areas. By comparing these figures with those of subsequent censuses it will be possible to ascertain if state and federal laws are effective and game and insectivorous birds increasing or decreasing.

"In the past, under mixed game regulations of various states," the department says, "bird life has been decreasing. Now that the birds have been placed in charge of the department, definite and uniform measures are being taken to preserve them and increase their number. The new bird census and the censuses to follow will materially aid the department in its efforts to preserve a valuable national resource."

FROM ALL OVER THE STATE

Wealthy Woman Kills Self.
Springfield.—Despondency because of ill health caused the suicide of Mrs. Alice Fuller Boles, 42 years old. She drank four ounces of chloroform. Mrs. Boles was considered wealthy. She was married to Boles three months after the death of Charles Fuller, her first husband.

Student "Beats Way," Is Killed.
Warrensburg.—While riding the "blind baggage" on a fast train on the way to see his widowed mother at Garden City, Oakley Kauffman, a senior of the Normal graduating class of 1914, fell through a bridge to the stream below, two miles west of Warrensburg, and was killed.

His body was found by fishermen and brought to Warrensburg, where it was identified by Ruby Kaufman, his sister.

James New Law Dean.
Columbia.—Dr. Eldon R. James, professor of law in the University of Minnesota, has been appointed dean of the school of law of the University of Missouri. Dr. James is a graduate of the University of Cincinnati and practiced law in that city 12 years.

Joplin Protests Water Meters.
Jefferson City.—The City of Joplin filed a remonstrance with the state public service commission against the move of the Joplin Waterworks company to install a general meter system. It is contended that for residences the meter charges would increase the cost of service about 50 per cent.

Jury Acquits Dr. Elam.
Kansas City.—"Not guilty" was the verdict a jury returned in the case of Dr. W. T. Elam of St. Joseph, charged with the murder of a woman named Cramer of Chicago in a hotel here Nov. 18 last. The verdict was returned two hours and 32 minutes after deliberations began.

Death Reveals \$4,500 Hoard.
Montgomery.—Mrs. Margaret Atterbury, who lived over the line in Lincoln county, was found dying on the floor of her house. In the search for burial clothes \$4,500 was found in one place and two sacks of money in others. She also had money deposited in Montgomery and Buell banks.

Ketchel Reward Is Paid.
Springfield.—Col. B. P. Dickerson paid to the circuit court \$6,129.75 as the reward offered by him for the capture of the slayer of Stanley Ketchel, middleweight pugilist champion. Walter Dipey, who killed Ketchel on the Dickerson ranch in 1910, is now serving a life sentence in the penitentiary. The reward goes to Joseph and Thomas Murphy, farmers near Niangua, Mo. Dickerson refused to pay the reward, until compelled by the courts, saying he had offered it for the body of the slayer.

\$20,000 Fire in St. Ella.
Neosho.—Half a block of business houses at St. Ella, an inland town 15 miles southeast of Neosho, burned. The loss is estimated at \$20,000, with \$2,000 insurance. W. O. Carter of Marionville was seriously burned, it was reported here immediately after the fire. The Matt Atkinson general merchandise stock, Smith's poultry house, Sheppard's livery barn and the Woodmen and Odd Fellow lodge halls were consumed.

Two Killed in Auto Smash.
Excelsior Springs.—W. C. Dunn, a plumber of Kansas City, and his wife, were killed near here when their motor car dashed into an interurban train on the Kansas City, Clay County & St. Joseph railroad. Their young son, George, was hurled 75 feet through a small waiting station, but will recover. The station and the motor car were demolished.

Students Hang Skeleton in Chapel.
Springfield.—A human skeleton garbed in the cap and gown of a college graduate and suspended from the ceiling 50 feet above the floor, greeted Drury college students when they assembled for exercises in Stone chapel. It had been stolen from the college laboratory during the night, supposedly by students, and hung from a rafter in the building before daylight.

Loot Found in Federal Building.
Springfield.—While cleaning out the attic of the federal building workmen found a handbag containing \$13, which was stolen from Miss Ethel Ball five years ago. The presence of the handbag is a mystery to the authorities.

Killed Trying to Board Train.
Bevier.—C. V. Turner, aged 45, of Bevier, was killed by a Missouri and Louisiana coal train three miles south of here when he attempted to board the train while it was in motion. He was thrown to the ground and a part of the train struck him in the head.

Trial of Dr. Elam Begins.
Kansas City.—The trial of Dr. W. T. Elam, a physician of St. Joseph, Mo., charged with the murder of Putnam Cramer, an advertising solicitor of Chicago, opened here.

Salts Takes Sanatorium Job.
Rolla.—State Representative W. J. Salts has withdrawn from the race for representative to accept the position of steward at the state tuberculosis sanatorium at Mt. Vernon, Mo. He will not take his family with him for about two months.

Best Test of Man.
The keenest test of a man comes when he has attained; the struggle to attain keeps him strong, but the line of least resistance soon shows itself in success.—Hugh Black.

French Society Improving.
The latest fad in Paris, it is said, is to play cards in the boxes during a grand opera performance. This is not half so annoying as the habit some persons have of whistling or singing grand opera or other airs during game of cards.

HOME LOOKED GOOD TO HIM

Boston Man Returns From Tunis After a Thrilling Experience With Arabs.

There never was a man who showed more happiness to touch foot on native soil than Percival Roberts of Boston, graduate of Oxford college, England, and an alumnus of the Harvard law school, who arrived at Boston from Naples. Mr. Roberts had hurried to Italy after having been chased on camel back by wild Tripolitan bandits, who swooped down on him and his party's pack camels and household goods when they were camping on the border of the desert south of Sfax, in the interior of Tunis.

Italian soldiers had driven a flying squadron of untamed Arab horsemen and cut-throats across the Tunis border, and when the pack of infuriated savages caught sight of the Roberts party it charged the camp with wild yells and blazing rifles. Roberts embarked on the first ship of the desert he could locate in his frantic rush for a conveyance and swayed and rolled on camel back over the dry sands of the desert for ten miles before he could make his getaway. His three friends, two Frenchmen and an Englishman, got off in different directions, all aboard the swift-racing camels which had carried them into camp.

SHOULD GET LARGER CROPS

American Farmers Might Largely Increase Their Production Through Scientific Methods.

Our Pennsylvania Dutch are good farmers, but not so good as their relatives in Germany. For every bushel of wheat a Pennsylvania farmer produces from one acre the German grows two and a tenth bushels.

His farm is small, but the man who delves beyond the Rhine makes each acre produce exactly twice as many potatoes as do our farmers.

The man who bows to a kaiser instead of a president extracts just a half more oats and over a third more barley and about 60 per cent more rye from each acre than does the improvident American.

The man who has but a dollar can live for a long time on it, whereas the prodigal can waste a \$10 bill on one dinner. The German has so little ground that he makes it work doubly hard.

When the United States has 200,000,000 population our farm production an acre will likely have doubled from sheer necessity.—Public Ledger.

SCALP ITCHED AND BURNED

833 South Scioto St., Circleville, Ohio.—"My little girl's trouble first started on her head in a bunch of little pimples full of yellow-looking matter and they would spread in large places. In a short time they would open. Her scalp was awfully red and inflamed and the burning and itching were so intense that she would scratch and rub till it would leave ugly sores. The sores also appeared on her body, and her clothing irritated them so that I had to put real soft cloth next to her body. She would lie awake at nights and was very worrisome. At times she was tortured with itching and burning."

"I tried different remedies with no benefit for months. I had given up all hope of her ever getting rid of it, then I concluded to try Cuticura Soap and Ointment. The second application gave relief. In a short time she was entirely cured." (Signed) Mrs. Alice Kirlin, Nov. 4, 1912.

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The New Dances.
Billy Sunday, the remarkable evangelist, was asked after his successful Philadelphia season what he thought of the new dances.

"What do I think of the new dances?" said Mr. Sunday, with a laugh. "Well, let me tell you a story. A young man and a girl in evening dress sat in a conservatory. A fountain trickled and gurgled in a marble basin before them. Palms drooped their long leaves over them."

"The light was dim. Distant music sounded softly."

"Suddenly the young man, overcome by the girl's beauty, seized her in his arms and crushed her madly to his breast."

"Why, Mr. Trivianion," she said, putting her white hand on his shirt bosom and pushing him coldly away, "you forget yourself. This sort of thing isn't proper—here."

"So saying, she took his arm and they went out on the ballroom floor and indulged in a mazurka."

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Language Not Likely to Last

Mistral, the great Provencal poet, whose death was announced lately, has been likened to Robert Burns for the work he did. But Burns' task was child's play compared with Mistral's. The Scottish poet found his language fully grown and completely alive; Mistral had to create his means of expression. Provencal had lost every resemblance to a literary tongue, and the new poet-patriot had to mold it afresh, to recreate and to build up on the ruins left by the vineyard and the farm. "Our Provencal," said Mistral, "was a country lass, ragged and wild." She is now a wonderfully beautiful creature; but it is doubtful whether all the genius of Mistral can keep her alive. The educational reformer in France does not like such irregular beauty.

SUCCEEDS IN CANADA

An interesting and successful American farmer, Lew Palmer, of Staveley, Alta., passed through the city today. Mr. Palmer came from Duluth, Minn., just ten years ago, and brought with him four cows and three horses—and that was his all. He homesteaded in the Staveley district, and today has 480 acres of land, \$3,000 worth of implements, 34 Percheron horses, made \$1,000 out of hogs last year, raised 7,000 bushels of wheat, 5,000 bushels of oats, 12 acres of potatoes, and 18 tons of onions. His farm and stock is worth \$30,000, and he made it all in ten years.—Exchange.—Advertisement.

Attractive.

"What's that crowd of men after?" You mean the tough mob over there?"
"Yes."
"They're trying to get into our new uplift jail."

First Thing in Nature.

Every investigation which is guided by principles of nature fixes its ultimate aim entirely on gratifying the stomach.—Athenaeus.

A Brick.

Hez—I've often thought what a dandy partition a donkey would make. Silas—Walls have ears, you know.

Practices Watchful Waiting.

"How often do you cut your grass?"
"Every time my neighbor has his lawnmower sharpened."

For the man with a chip on his shoulder—get an ax.

A Necessity.

"Don you think this cat show will be a success?"

"It must come up to the scratch."

The Last Straw.

"Everybody knows that fellow who wants to be a soldier."

"That's so. Even his gun kicks."

Misfortune is no respecter of persons—and neither is fortune, for the matter of that.

Good Cause for Alarm

Deaths from kidney diseases have increased 75% in twenty years. People overdo nowadays in so many ways that the constant filtering of poisoned blood weakens the kidneys.

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An Illinois Case.
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on many farms in Western Canada in 1913, some yields being reported as high as 80 bushels per acre. It is now the record in some districts for oats.

50 bushels for barley and from 10 to 20 bushels for flax.

J. Keys arrived in the country 5 years ago from Denmark with very little means. He homesteaded, worked hard, is now the owner of 320 acres of land, in 1913 had a crop of 300 acres, which will realize him about \$4,000. His wheat weighed 68 lbs. to the bushel and averaged over 35 bushels to the acre.

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